

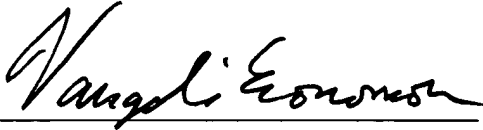
**REMARKS**

The above amendments are made without prejudice.

Claims 3, 5-7, 9, 10, and 12-14 have been amended to avoid multiple dependent claim format.

For the above reasons, it is considered that the claims, as amended, find support in the application specification as filed, and that the combination of elements recited in the pending claims, as amended, are ready for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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